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1. SIGNING CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE
IN ALGIERS AUGUST 26 AT 1745 GMT IN PRESENCE MEMBERS
OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT, DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND PRESS.
PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES AND PAIGC EXECCTE MEMBER PIRES
WERE PRINCIPAL SIGNATORIES.

2. FULL TEXT OF JOINT DECLARATION WHICH WAS DISTRI-
BUTED AT CEREMONY FOLLOWS (USINT TRANSLATION FROM
FRENCH): BEGIN TEXT. MEETING IN ALGIERS AUGUST 26,
1974, DELEGATIONS OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND PAIGC,
AFTER BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED IN CLIMATE OF
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GREAT CORDIALITY IN LONDON AND ALGIERS, ANNOUNCE THAT

THEY HAVE ACHIEVED COMPLETE AGREEMENT. THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDES FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL POINTS:

(A) DE JURE RECOGNITION OF REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AS SOVEREIGN STATE BY PORTUGUESE STATE WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 10;

(B) DE FACTO CEASEFIRE OBSERVED BY BOTH SIDES THROUGHOUT TERRITORY OF GUINEA-BISSAU BY THEIR LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES BECOMES AS OF TODAY DE JURE CEASEFIRE;

(C) TWO DELEGATIONS AGREE THAT PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES WILL WITHDRAW COMPLETELY FROM TERRITORY OF GUINEA-BISSAU BY OCTOBER 31;

(D) TWO DELEGATIONS AGREE THAT GOP AND REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU WILL ESTABLISH AND DEVELOP RELATIONS OF ACTIVE COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL, CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL AREAS, BASED ON INDEPENDENCE, MUTUAL RESPECT, EQUALITY, RECIPROCITY AND HARMONIOUS CONTACT BETWEEN CITIZENS OF TWO REPUBLICS. TO THIS END, TWO DELEGATIONS AGREE THAT PORTUGUESE STATE AND REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU WILL ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AFTER DE JURE RECOGNITION BY PORTUGAL OF REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND WILL CONCLUDE IN SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME AGREEMENTS WHICH WILL CONSOLIDATE NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES;

(E) PORTUGUESE DELEGATION, IN NAME OF GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL, REAFFIRMS RIGHT OF PEOPLE OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, AND GUARANTEES REALIZATION OF THIS RIGHT IN CONFORMITY WITH PERTINENT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS, TAKING ALSO INTO ACCOUNT EXPRESSED DESIRE OF ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY;

(F) TWO PARTIES CONSIDER THAT ACCESSION OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS TO INDEPENDENCE, IN GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF DECOLONIZATION OF AFRICAN TERRITORIES UNDER PORTUGUESE DOMINATION, CONSTITUTES A NECESSARY FACTOR TO DURABLE
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PEACE AND SINCERE COOPERATION BETWEEN REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU AND REPUBLIC OF PORTUGAL;

(G) RECALLING UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH RECOMMENDED ADMISSION OF GUINEA-BISSAU TO UNITED NATIONS, PAIGC DELEGATION NOTES WITH SATISFACTION THE SIGNIFICANT DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN BY PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT ON THAT OCCASION WHICH WERE IN PERFECT HARMONY

WITH SPIRIT OF GOOD WILL THAT GUIDES BOTH PARTIES;

(H) TWO DELEGATIONS EXPRESS THEIR SATISFACTION AT HAVING BEEN ABLE SUCCESSFULLY TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS MAKING POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF WAR FOR WHICH OVERTURNED PORTUGUESE REGIME WAS RESPONSIBLE AND TO OPEN PERSPECTIVES OF FRUITFUL AND FRATERNAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

(I) DONE IN ALGIERS, AUGUST 26, 1974. DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PAIGC: PEDRO PIRES, CTE MEMBER AND COMMANDER; UMARU DJALO, CTE MEMBER AND COMMANDER; JOSE ARAUJO, CTE MEMBER; OTTO SCHACT, CTE MEMBER; LUCIO SOARES, CTE MEMBER AND COMMANDER; LUIS OLIVEIRA SANCA, AMBASSADOR. DELEGATION OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT: MARIO SOARES, FOREIGN MINISTER; ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA SANTOS, MINISTER OF INTERTERRITORIAL COORDINATON; VICENTE ALMEIDA D'ECA, CAPITAINE DE VAISSEAU; HUGO MANUEL RODRIGUES DOS SANTOS, COMMANDER OF INFANTRY.
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